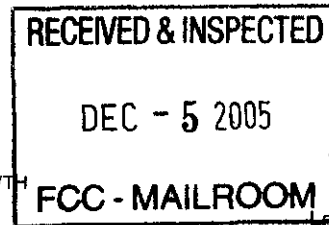




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November 21, 2005

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Ms. Irene M. Flannery
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Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Re: Allband Communications Cooperative Certification of rate center for High Cost Support for Rural Carriers purposes, Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.314, CC Docket No. 96-45

The Michigan Public Service Commission hereby certifies that Allband Communications Cooperative, a new Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier, established by a Federal Communications Commission waiver of sections 69.2(hh) and 69.601 of FCC Commission rules, has met the current standards for State certification of its rate center, Robbs Creek Exchange. Allband Communications Cooperative has certified that federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services, for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This certification is provided pursuant to 47 CFR §§54.313 and 54.314 for the years 2005 and 2006. Upon completion of its network, Allband Communications Cooperative will serve previously unserved territory within the State of Michigan

Attached is a copy of Commission Order No. U-14659.

Sincerely,

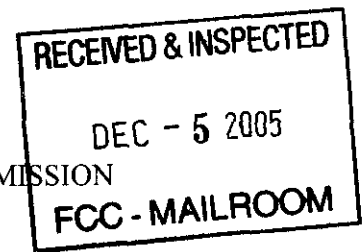
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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In the matter of the application of)
ALLBAND COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE)
for designation as an eligible telecommunications)
carrier pursuant to Section 214(e) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)
_____)

Case No. U-14659

At the November 10, 2005 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chairman
Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner

OPINION AND ORDER

On October 12, 2005, Allband Communications Cooperative (Allband), filed an application, pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 USC § 214(e)(2), for designation as an *eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC)* for purposes of universal service fund (USF) support.

Allband requests that the Commission enter an order immediately designating it as an ETC in the rural telephone company study area identified as Robbs Creek Exchange. Allband asserts that the Commission may act on its application without the necessity of a public hearing.

After reviewing Allband's application, the Commission finds that it should be granted because the Commission is persuaded that ETC designation for Allband promotes competition and is in the public interest. The application filed by Allband for ETC designation for purposes of receiving

USF support is granted, with the understanding that Allband will comply after October 1, 2006 with enhanced service requirements, as required by the FCC Report and Order 05-46, CC Docket 96-45, and the Commission's October 18, 2005 order in Case No. U-14530.

Moreover, the Commission concludes, as it did in its November 20, 2001 order in Case No. U-13145, that it need not solicit comment, which would only further delay action on the application.

The Commission FINDS that:

a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1991 PA 179, as amended, MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 *et seq.*

b. Allband's application for designation as an ETC for purposes of USF support should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application filed by Allband Communications Cooperative for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of universal service fund support is granted.

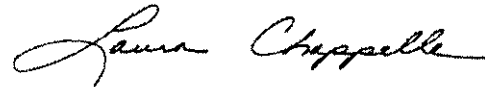
The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman



Commissioner



Commissioner

By its action of November 10, 2005.



Its Executive Secretary